

present day conditions should attend a few sessions of Gov. Glasscock's committee investigating the strike in the Cabin and Paint Creek districts.

West Virginia coal fields have been having "present day conditions," and they've been having them bad. Yet lots of people would tell you it would be anarchy to change West Virginia's "present day conditions."

The mine owners, it now appears, were not content with using guards to intimidate miners and to evict them and their wives from their homes when they didn't act the way the mine owners wanted.

They also used their power over the men to control elections, and to put men who would be their tools into office.

This came out yesterday afternoon, when T. C. Blizzard, a miner and brother of Judge Reese Blizzard, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, was called to the stand.

"I refused to vote as the mine superintendent told me," said Blizzard. "I lost my job. When I was fired, I was told that I should have voted for those who gave me my bread and butter."

These are "present day conditions" in West Virginia.

Three weeks ago, the miners charged that there were ex-convicts among the mine guards. The mine owners denied it.

J. R. Shanklin, a mine guard who tried to start trouble after martial law was declared, was sentenced to one year in jail by the military court and taken to

Moundsville penitentiary. He was recognized there as a former prisoner.

SUICIDE ON WEDDING EVE

Casper R. Rasmussen, 23 years old, 3643 Princeton ave., plunged to his death by leaping from a fire escape on the 21st floor of the Masonic Temple to the roof of an adjoining building, 5 stories high.

Rasmussen was an employe of the Wells-Fargo Express Co. He was to have been married tomorrow to Florence Biedermann, of Libertyville. His friends and relatives are at a loss to explain his act. At the offices of the express company his account were correct.

Several girl employes in the Martin A. Ryerson building, 23 E. Randolph street, on which the body fell, fainted when they heard the heavy thud.

KIDS' ROMANCE SPOILED

In the arrest of Gertrude O'Rourke, 16, and Walter Clife, 19, both of St. Louis, the police of the Englewood station seem to have badly disrupted a first-class juvenile romance.

The couple were taken into custody while living in separate rooms at a rooming house, 6668 Michigan av. They were arrested on complaint of Mrs. J. McIsaacs, 400 W. 60th place, who claimed that the couple rented a room at her house Aug. 13 and left, owing her two weeks' rent.

When they were brought into the station they broke down and confessed that they had run away,